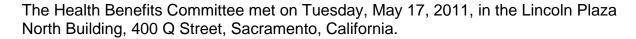


HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 17, 2011



The meeting was called to order at 10:42 a.m. with the following members present:

Priya Mathur, Chair
JJ Jelincic, Vice Chair
Ruth Holton-Hodson representing John Chiang
George Diehr
Rob Feckner
Henry Jones
Tricia Wynne representing Bill Lockyer
Tony Oliviera
Howard Schwartz representing Ronald Yank

AGENDA ITEM 2 – APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 12, 2011, HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The April 12, 2011, Health Benefits Committee meeting minutes were approved as presented.

AGENDA ITEM 3a – SB 751 (GAINES) – AS INTRODUCED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER CONTRACTS: TRANSPARENCY

Danny Brown, Chief, Office of Governmental Affairs, provided information on Senate Bill 751. This bill would prohibit contracts by or on behalf of health plans, licensed hospitals, or any licensed health care facilities, or insurers from containing any provision that restricts the ability of the health plan or insurer to release information to subscribers, enrollees, policyholders or insured regarding the cost range of medical procedures or quality of care services performed by the hospital or facility.

On **MOTION** by George Diehr, **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**, the Committee recommended the Board approve a support position on SB 751.

AGENDA ITEM 4a - HEALTH CARE REFORM QUARTERLY UPDATE

As an information item, Doug McKeever, Chief, Health Policy Research Division, presented an update on Health Care Reform. Mr. McKeever provided highlights on: Assembly Bill 36 regarding dependent coverage taxability; the Early Retirement Reimbursement Program; the Accountable Care Organizations and the Medicare Shared Savings Programs; Partnership for Patients; and, potential Affordable Care Act changes.

AGENDA ITEM 4b – HEALTH BENEFITS PURCHASING REVIEW PROJECT

As an information item, Doug McKeever, Chief, Health Policy Research Division, provided an update on current activities with the Health Benefits Purchasing Review project. This project aims to evaluate current benefit design and purchasing strategies in light of the marketplace and program guiding principles in order to ensure that the CalPERS Health Benefits Program meets the future needs of members and employers.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Kathleen Billingsley, Assistant Executive Officer, Health Policy and Planning, provided information on the California Health Exchange.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – PROPOSED AGENDA FOR JUNE 14, 2011, HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE MEETING

The proposed agenda for the June 14, 2011, HBC Meeting, was accepted as presented.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for June 14, 2011, in Sacramento, California.

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Benefit Programs and Policy